

# 배양된 사람 정상 코점막 상피세포에서 Interleukin-13이 MUC5AC 유전자 발현 및 점액분비에 미치는 영향

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## Interleukin-13 Suppresses MUC5AC Gene Expression and Mucin Secretion in Cultured Normal Human Nasal Epithelial Cells

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### ABSTRACT

**Background and Objectives :** It is not clear which mucins are responsible for the mucus hypersecretion in allergic rhinitis and allergic asthma. Recently, it was found that IL-13 is closely related to allergic inflammation and mucus hypersecretion in in vivo animal models. However, the role of IL-13 in in vitro cellular models has yet to be determined. This study aimed to investigate the direct effect of IL-13 on mucin gene expression and mucin secretion in cultured normal human nasal epithelial cells. **Materials and Method :** Cells were cultured with passage-2 normal human nasal epithelial cells using the air-liquid interface culture method. After treatment with IL-13, the total mucin and MUC5AC mucin levels were measured using the immuno-blotting assay. The MUC2, MUC5AC, and MUC8 mRNA expressions were measured using RT-PCR. Immunostaining was also performed using a MUC5AC antibody on histologic and cytospin slides. **Results :** After treatment with 5 ng/ml or more of IL-13, the level of total mucin and MUC5AC mucin secretion decreased substantially. The expression of MUC2 and MUC8 mRNA increased with higher concentrations of IL-13, but the expression of MUC5AC mRNA decreased. On the 7 th day after IL-13 treatment, a significant decrease in the number of MUC5AC-positive cells was confirmed with immunostaining. **Conclusion :** These findings indicate that IL-13 suppresses MUC5AC mucin gene expression and mucin secretion in cultured normal human nasal epithelial cells in vitro. (Korean J Otolaryngol 2001;44:1150-6)

**KEY WORDS :** Interleukin-13 · Mucins · MUC5AC.

C5AC, MUC5B, MUC6 - 9, MUC11 - 13)가<sup>1-5)</sup>  
MUC2 MUC5AC  
(mucus) (host def -<sup>1)6)7)</sup>  
ense)  
glycoproteins) , (mucin)  
13 (MUC1 - 4, MU -  
CD4 + T helper T , Th1  
Th2 . Th1 IL(interleukin) - 2, INF  
(interferon) - , TNF(tumor necrosis factor) -  
(cell - mediated immune response)  
Th2 IL - 4, IL - 5, IL - 6, IL - 10, IL -  
13  
(IgE - mediated inflammation)<sup>8)</sup> Th2  
IL - 4 IL - 13 가

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Th2, 16 0.2, 1, 5, 8)9) B IgE 25 ng/ml IL - 13 4 (monocyte) (macrophage) TNF - IL - 1 IL - 13 5 ng/ml 10)11) 1, 2, 4, 7 가 (phase contrast microscopy) , IL - 13 7

8)12 - 15) IL - 13 pleotropic 12 - kDa q31 가 CD4 + line) 1.5 ml PBS(phosphate buffered saline) 3 Th2 9) IL - 13 IL - 4 RNA Tri - Reagent(Molecular Research Center, Cincinnati, OH) MUC5AC cytospin (signal transducer and activator of transcription) - 6 (signal transduction mechanism) 가 (overlapping effector function) 16) IL - 13 IgE , in vitro (proinflammatory cytokine) (chemokine) , in vivo 9) immunoblot , IL - 13 in vivo 19) MUC5AC 12)13) (generous gift from Dr. CW Davis, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC) IL - 4 17)18) IL - 4 가 in vitro MUC5AC , IL - 4 가 H6C5(1 : 1000, generous gift from Dr. CW Davis, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC) IL - 13 가 MUC5AC MUC5AC (NeoMarkers Inc., Union City, CA)

horseradish peroxidase - conjugated goat anti - mouse anti - rabbit IgG chemiluminescence (ECL kit, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, UK)

Air - liquid interface(ALI) IL - 13 10<sup>5</sup> (passage - 2) basal epithelial growth medium(BEGM) Dulbecco 's Modified Eagle 's medium(DMEM) 1 : 1 Student 's *t* - test 가 가 19) (24.5 mm, 0.45 m pore size ; Transwell - clear, Costar Corp., Cambridge, MA) 9 MUC2, MUC5AC, MUC8 mRNA reverse transcription - polymerase chain reaction(RT - PCR) Northern blot 가 RT - PCR 19) Oligonucleotide primer (human MUC2 ; Genbank accession #L21998, human MUC5AC ; Genbank accession #U06711,

IL - 13

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human MUC8 ; Genbank accession #U14383)

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cler . mRNA  
(comparative kinetic analysis)

19)

MUC5AC

4% paraformaldehyde 24  
, 12% 18% sucrose (cryoprotec -  
tion) , deep freezer .  
10 m MUC5AC  
(1 : 100) . peroxidase  
anti - mouse . mouse IgG

MUC5AC

MUC5AC

, cytospin  
5 × 10<sup>5</sup> . cold  
acetone methanol 1 : 1 , MU -  
C5AC (1 : 100) .  
- peroxidase mouse  
mouse IgG . MUC5AC  
1000 MU -  
C5AC

Student's *t* - test , *p* < 0.05

IL - 13

MUC5AC

IL - 13 47 (0.2, 1, 5, 25 ng/ml)

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IL - 13

가 4

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213.8 ± 29.7 g/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 0.2 ng/ml IL - 13

257.0 ± 41.7 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 1.0 ng/ml IL - 13

219.7 ± 32.2 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 5 ng/ml IL - 13

147.5 ± 21.6 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 25 ng/

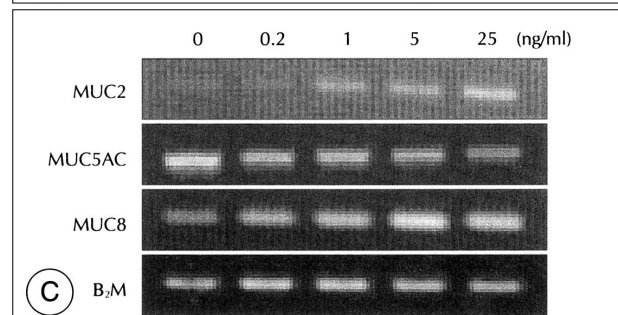
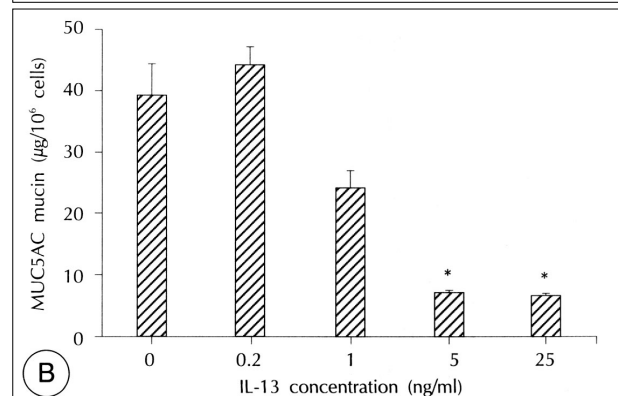
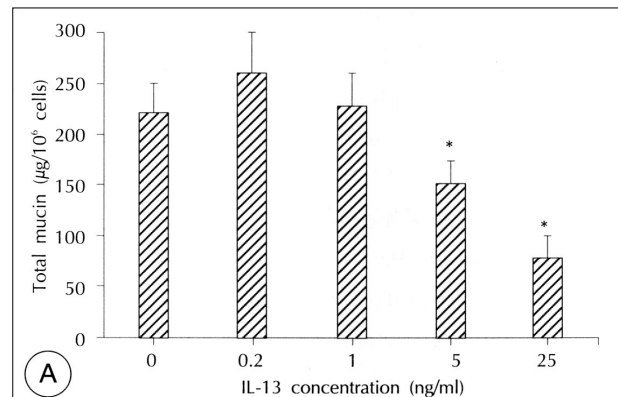
ml IL - 13 76.3 ± 21.1 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells

(Fig. 1A). MUC5AC 38.7 ±

4.6 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 0.2 ng/ml IL - 13

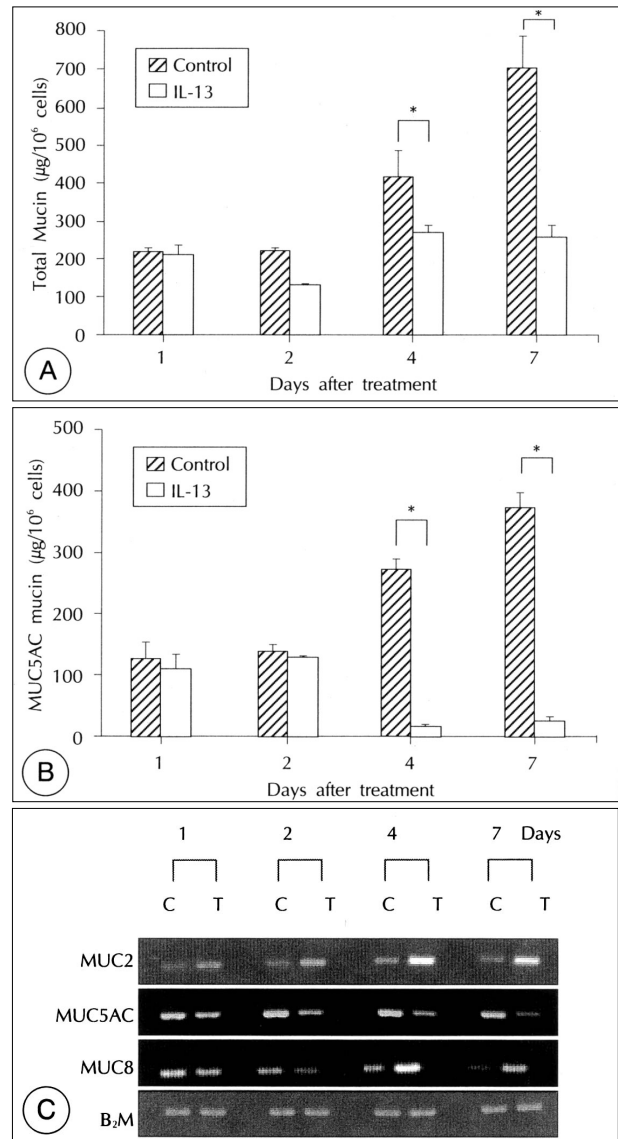
43.8 ± 4.1 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 1.0 ng/ml IL - 13

23.7 ± 3.1 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 5 ng/ml IL - 13



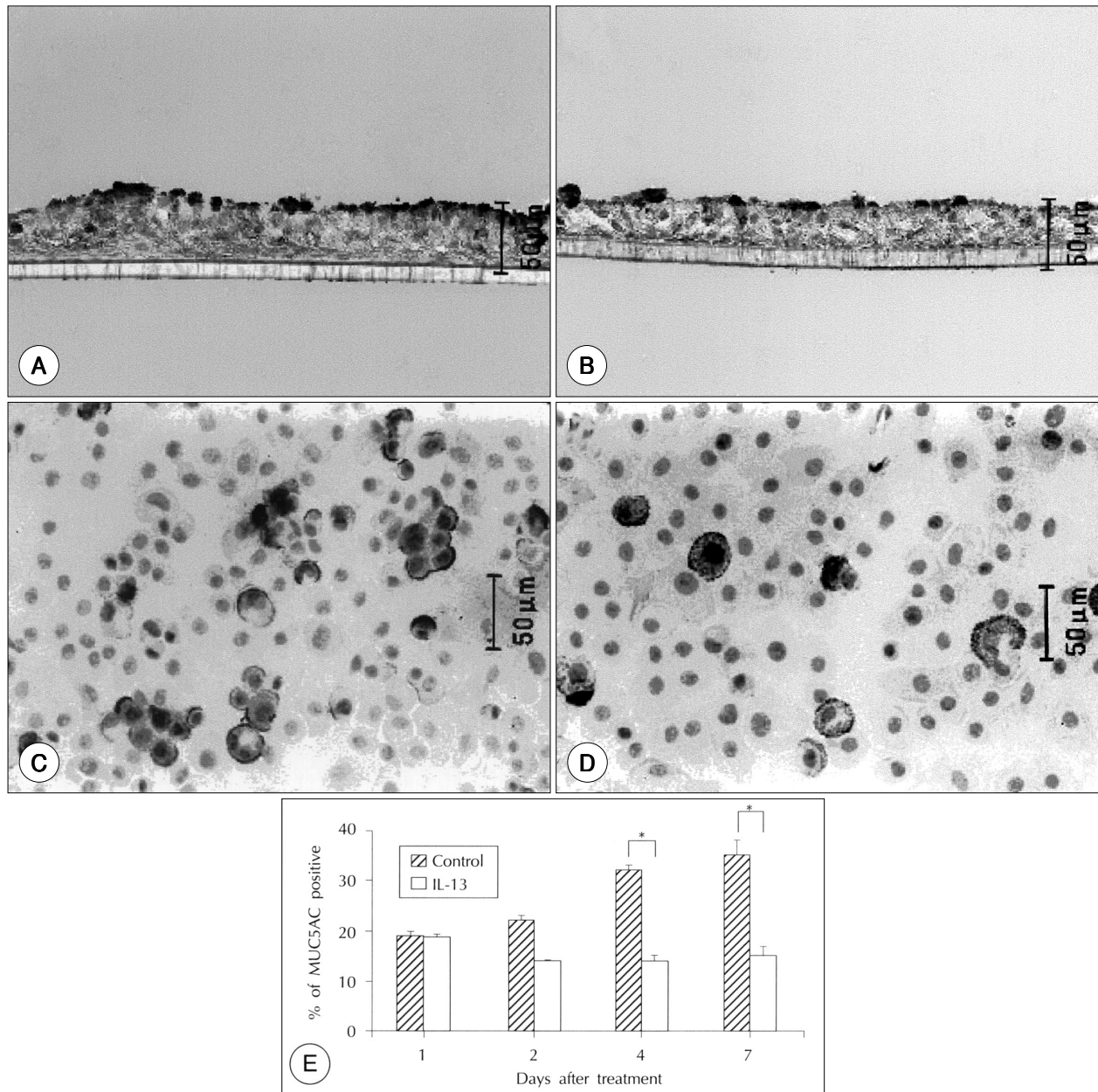
**Fig 1.** Dose effects of IL-13 on mucin gene expression and mucin secretion. A : The levels of total mucin secretion decreased in a dose-dependent manner with IL-13 treatment. B : The levels of MUC5AC secretion also decreased in a dose-dependent manner with IL-13 treatment. Significant differences compared to the control in the decrease of total mucin secretion and MUC5AC mucin secretion were noted in the groups treated with 5 ng/ml or more of IL-13 (\* : *p* < 0.05). C : Mucin gene expression by RT-PCR. MUC2 and MUC8 mRNA expression increased with increasing doses of IL-13. On the contrary, MUC5AC mRNA expression decreased in a dose-dependent manner (2 microglobulin as control).

$7.2 \pm 0.6 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , 25 ng/ml IL - 13  
 $5.9 \pm 1.1 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$  (Fig. 1B).  
 MUC5AC 5 ng/ml IL - 13  
 5 ng/ml IL - 13  
 (qualitative) RT - PCR MUC5AC mRNA  
 가 , 3  
 2 microglobulin( 2M)  
 MUC5AC mRNA  
 IL - 13 가  
 IL - 13 가  
 (Fig. 1C).  
 IL - 13 MUC5AC  
 , 1  
 $205.9 \pm 11.7 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ ,  
 5 ng/ml IL - 13 1  
 $202.1 \pm 26.9 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , 2 205.  
 $7 \pm 5.5 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , IL - 13  $126.6 \pm 5.9 \mu\text{g}/$   
 $10^6$ , 4  $414.1 \pm 70.5 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , IL -  
 13  $250.4 \pm 17.6 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , 7  
 $677.9 \pm 79.6 \mu\text{g}/10^6$ , IL - 13  $235.5 \pm 51.1$   
 $\mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$  (Fig. 2A). MUC5AC  
 , 1  
 $121.7 \pm 29.4 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , 5 ng/ml IL - 13  
 1 MUC5AC 105.9  
 $\pm 23.1 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , 2  $133.1 \pm 15.4 \mu\text{g}/$   
 $10^6 \text{ cells}$ , IL - 13  $120.1 \pm 3.7 \mu\text{g}/10^6$ , 4  
 $262.6 \pm 25.8 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , IL - 13 21.  
 $9 \pm 4.9 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ , 7  $376.9 \pm 57.9$   
 $\mu\text{g}/10^6$ , IL - 13  $25.5 \pm 9.9 \mu\text{g}/10^6 \text{ cells}$   
 (Fig. 2B).  
 IL - 13  
 가 ,  
 IL - 13 가  
 , 4 가  
 MUC5AC IL - 13  
 4  
 RT - PCR , 2M  
 MUC5AC mRNA



**Fig 2.** Time course effects of IL-13 on mucin gene expression and mucin secretion. A : The levels of total mucin secretion did not increase along the time course, as compared to the significant increase of total mucin level in the control group. B : The levels of MUC5AC secretion decreased in a time-dependent manner with IL-13 treatment. Significant differences between the control group and the IL-13 treated group were noted in terms of both total mucin secretion and MUC-5AC mucin secretion at 4 or more days after treatment with IL-13 (\* :  $p < 0.05$ ). C : Mucin gene expression by RT-PCR. MUC2 and MUC8 mRNA expression increased along the time-course of IL-13 treatment. On the contrary, MUC5AC mRNA expression decreased in a time-dependent manner.

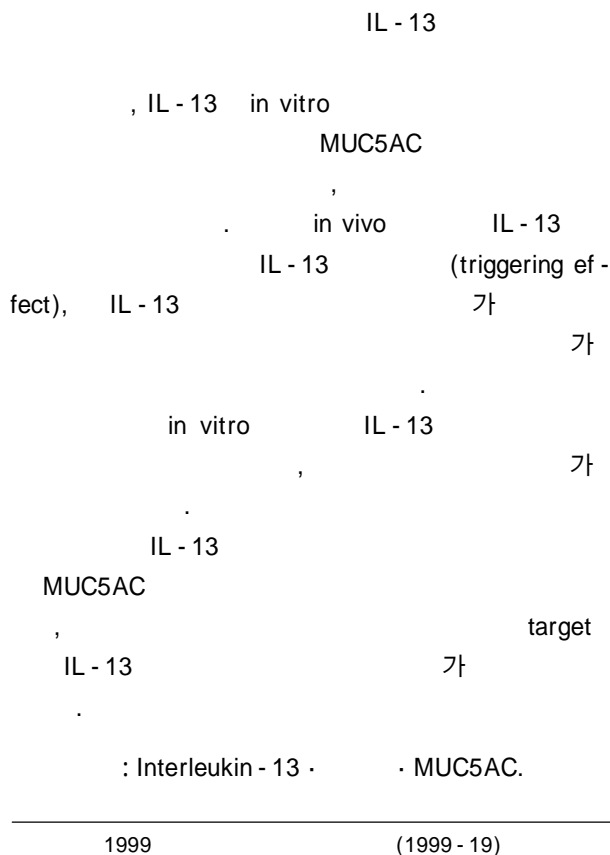
MUC2 MUC8  
 mRNA 가  
 (Fig. 2C).  
 MUC5AC  
 MUC5AC , MU -



**Fig. 3.** Immunohistochemical and immunocytochemical analysis of MUC5AC expression after IL-13 treatment. A : MUC5AC immunohisto-chemical staining of control normal human nasal epithelial (NHNE) cells revealing abundant MUC5AC-positive cells in the surface epithelial layer. B : MUC5AC immunohistochemical staining of NHNE cells after 7 days of 5 ng/ml IL-13 treatment revealing decreased number of MUC5AC-positive cells. C : MUC5AC immunocytochemical staining of control NHNE cells in the cytopsin slide revealing abundant MUC5AC-positive cells. D : MUC5AC immunocytochemical staining of NHNE cells after 7 days of 5 ng/ml IL-13 treatment in the cytopsin slide revealing decreased number of MUC5AC-positive cells. E : Quantitation of MUC5AC-positive cells in the control group and the group treated with 5 ng/ml of IL-13 for 7 days in the cytopsin slides. The number of MUC5AC-positive cells increased along the time course in the control group, but decreased in the IL-13 treatment group, and the difference was statistically significant after 4 days of treatment (\* :  $p < 0.05$ ).

C5AC , MUC5AC (Fig. 3A). IL - 13 MUC5AC MUC5AC  
MUC5AC 가 Cytospin MUC5AC 가 (Fig. 3C),  
(Fig. 3B).

IL - 13 mRNA가 (Fig. 3D). MUC5AC (time lapse) , apomucin (core peptide) (glycosylation) : 1 18.61.4%, (IL - 13 au - 18.31.1% ; 2 21.61.1%, IL - 13 13.70.5% ; 4 31.31.6%, tocrine paracrine . IL - 13 13.61.4% ; 7 34.62.6%, MUC5AC가 , IL - 13 4 14.52.2%. MUC5AC , IL - 13 MUC5AC가 15~20%( (p<0.05)(Fig. 3E). 18.1%) . (data not shown) IL - 13 MUC5AC 5 ng/ml IL - 13 4.9%, 25 ng/ml IL - 13 7.7% (Fig. 1A and B). IL - 13 1/2~1/4 MUC5AC MUC2, MUC5AC, MUC8 RT - PCR IL - 13 가 MUC5AC mRNA , MUC2 MUC8 mRNA 가 (Fig. 1C) , MUC5AC가 Th1 IFN - Th2 IL - 4 Th2 IL - 13 MUC5AC MUC1, MUC4, MUC5B, MU - C13 IL - 13 가 MUC2, MU - C8 mRNA 가 (Fig. 1C) , MUC2 MUC8 ntral mediator) <sup>12)13)</sup> IL - 13 , IL - 13 (recombinant IL(rIL) - 13) (trachea) (instillation) 가 (immunohistochemical staining) cytoplasm (immunocytochemical staining) MUC5AC 가 IL - 13 MUC2, MU - C5AC MUC8 , MUC2 MUC5AC <sup>1)6)7)</sup> MUC8 (polyp epithelium) <sup>20)</sup> (major mucin) IL - 13 5 ng/ml IL - 13 5 ng/ml IL - 13 IL - 4가 (cultured human bronchial epithelial cells) MUC5AC MU - C5B , IL - 4 (cellular level) IL - 4R 가 IL - 13 in vitro IL - 13 4 가 <sup>21)22)</sup>



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